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From The Hon to the Honble & Resident
R. F. 7343/Pd d 26th Feb. 43 for a copy
of Home Dept letter d 4th Jan. 43 to the Provincial
Govts on the above subject.

Subd for perusal. Cps all sections
will be sent to the U.S. Chgo for information
if considered necessary.

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2. Issued 3562-63/W dated 1st March 1943 to the
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THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE

Dated Bangalore, the 26th February 1943.

No.R.F.73-43/Pol.

A copy of the undermentioned paper and its enclosures is forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, for information.



By order, etc.,

M. V. Anand Chaper
for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Letter from the Government of India in the Home Department No.67/42-Political (E)-, dated the 4th January 1943 to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

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Copy of letter No.67/42-Political (E), dated Simla, the 4th January 1943, from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

Relaxation of usual visa, censorship and customs regulations in favour of British and Allied Civilian and military personnel entering India on duty.

I am directed to forward for the information of the Provincial Government/your information a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin.

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Request you approach Foreign Office for reciprocal arrangements for U.S.A. armed forces travelling to and through British African territory Port Sudan, Palestine, Iraq and India.

This facility now granted by Egyptian Government.

R.A.F. agree. Ends.

2. Please let me have your views urgently as regards India. I am disposed to think that if American troops travelling as such in bulk, are entering India without prior VETTING there can be no strong ground for insisting on VETTING of individuals provided that "means of identity" they carry are effectively protected against abuse. To secure this it would be desirable to press that these documents of identity should contain an authenticated description, photograph and specimen *signature. Do you agree?

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(a) Military personnel (British or allied).

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ii. Passport examining authorities in India may at their discretion accept any other satisfactory form of identification if documents required under (i) could not be secured, cases of doubt being referred to local military Commander meanwhile the individual should be detained.

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3. If you agree, the E.P.C.Os. in allied and Empire countries may be informed and steps be taken inform authorities in United Kingdom and elsewhere likely sponsor such visits. Armindia have informed War Office.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Bangalore, Dated, 1st March 1943.

No. 3562-63/W.

From

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The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore and
The Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

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